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In re patent application of: **Johnson et al.**

Serial No.: 10/624,066

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Group Art Unit: 3732

For: **Tissue Distraction Device**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Addit Fee
Total Claims	102	80	22 X 25.00	\$ 550.00
Independent Claims	9	7	2 X 100.00	\$ 200.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$ 750.00

- \* Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$750.00 for the additional claims.
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Respectfully submitted,

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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment to the claims be entered. No Office Action has been received in this case. This Preliminary Amendment adds twenty-two (22) new claims, with two (2) new independent claims. A check in the amount of \$750.00.00 (seven hundred and fifty dollars) to Deposit Account 13-0014. This fee includes the fee of \$200.00 (2 x \$100.00) for the two additional independent claims and the fee of \$550.00 (22 x \$25.00) for the twenty-two additional claims. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or deduct any additional amounts from Deposit Account 13-0014.

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